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**QUITS FITZSIMMONS.**  
Julian, the pugilist's brother-in-law calls him an "Ungrateful Lubber."

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 26.—Martin Julian and Bob Fitzsimmons had some words last night at the opera-house, where Fitzsimmons was giving an exhibition, and Julian announced to reporters to-night he would have nothing more to do with Fitzsimmons.

Julian, in explaining the row, said: "A few minutes before the time for the performance to begin last night Bob informed me he had left part of his wardrobe at his quarters in Juarez, Mexico, and wanted me to send over for it. I told him it was too late and that he must go on without the missing articles. He then flew into a passion, rushed out in front, ordered the doors closed, and told the crowd there would be no exhibition. Such actions disgusted me and I quit and do not intend to have anything more to do with him. I have spent all the money on him I care to. He is an ungrateful lubber."

"Fitz" said to day that he was sorry Julian had gone off in a pet, but that he was able to get along without Julian. Friends of the two men say they will make up their quarrel, but Julian has announced his intention of leaving tomorrow for New York.

**TALKED TOO MUCH.**  
Gen. Nelson A. Miles May Get Himself Into Trouble.

S. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—A special to the Globe from Washington says: "The President and Secretary of War are seriously considering the advisability of silencing Gen. Miles. That they are much displeased by the indiscreet talk at which the general of the army has been indulging in regard to the weakness of this country's coast defenses and the general ability to go to war with assurances of success can be positively stated. Gen. Miles in his latest speech at Philadelphia has brought them to the limit of their forbearance. There not only did Gen. Miles blazon out the defenseless condition of his country, but the whole undercurrent of the position taken by the President. His chances for acquiring the title of Lieutenant General have been lessened, it is thought, by his recent utterances."

**County Court.**  
Albert and Julius Rothschild, partners as Rothschild Bros., vs. Max Greenberg, confession; judgment for \$109.50 and costs.

The jury failed to agree upon a verdict in the case of A. Harpstrite vs. W. C. DeSpain, action to recover \$400. The jury was discharged. This is the second time the case has been tried, and it is the second mistrial. W. C. Johns and E. S. McDonald appeared for the plaintiff, and C. C. Leforge for the defendant.

A motion was made this afternoon for a new trial by City Attorney Lee, on behalf of the city, in the matter of the widening of Monroe street, one block south of Decatur street. C. C. Leforge appeared for the property owners. The verdict of the jury at the trial had some months ago was an allowance of \$40 per foot. It is contended that this was against the evidence as the valuation was placed largely at \$25, while one witness fixed it at \$50.

**Still Continues.**  
Disturbance of western passenger rates through the manipulation of party rates still continues. At a meeting recently held on the subject it was agreed that the use of identification should be abolished in the hope that such action would do away with the evils complained of. While it has helped things some it has not done away with all the trouble. Regular one way rates are still being injuriously affected by the manipulation of these party rates. Another meeting will be held to-morrow at which means will be discussed for still further reducing the evil.

Lisbon's new electric light company will be incorporated for \$100,000 with the following officers: C. H. Harris, president; J. St. Cerny, vice-president; A. S. Caldwell, secretary; E. E. Wodetzki, treasurer.

Miss Jessie Cynn, of Iroquois, murdered her child by running a hatpin through its head and then taking it by the heels and beating its brains out over the forehead of the bed.

Two supervisors of Tazewell county have decided that the Spring Lake Hunting and Fishing Club are in possession of 1500 acres of land which the county claims to be its own.

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At a meeting of the Board of Health, held at the city hall, on Monday, the 27th inst., the following resolutions were adopted: That the Board of Health be authorized to purchase a small pill, a prompt cure, West's drug store.

G. O. Barnes, late Democratic candidate for Congress from the Tazewell district, is seriously afflicted with cancer.

At the Smoot sale, near Tremont, on Monday, horses sold as high as \$77 per head and cattle netted \$50.

The Champion Times was 20 years old last Saturday.

Evening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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Large and waxed handles, leather and silk covers, single and in sets. Prices \$1.00 to \$2.00.
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- SMOKING JACKETS.**  
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At 5c to \$3.50 a garment.
- NECKWEAR.**  
The newest things in puffs, tecks, four-in-hands, Windsor, and Bows. Prices 25c to \$1.25.
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White and fancy dress, negligee and soft flannel, our make, 75c to \$2; bargains.
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Stetson's hats in Fedoras, Pashas, etc. Scotch caps 25c to 50c, college and yacht style, heavy D. B. 50c to \$1.25.
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All Untrim'd Hats go for 25c  
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CARLISLE'S OPINION

On the Tariff and Bond Bills Now Pending Before Congress

FORESHADOW PRESIDENTIAL VETOS.

Neither Measure Calculated to Furnish Permanent Relief from Our Financial Embarrassments—A Specific Promise of Gold Payments Required.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Carlisle gave to a reporter of the United Press last evening his views on the tariff measure now pending in congress.

"What, in your opinion will be the effect upon the financial situation of the tariff bill passed by the house of representatives yesterday?" Mr. Carlisle was asked.

"I had supposed that very few could now be found who believe that our financial difficulties were caused by a deficiency in the ordinary revenues of the government, or that they can be relieved by increasing taxes upon the commodities consumed by the people. These difficulties are the necessary results of our financial legislation and they cannot be removed, even temporarily, by the tariff laws, nor by any other measures which do not directly enable the government to procure the means necessary for the maintenance of gold payments."

"Do you think, then, that the bond bill reported in the house to-day will furnish any relief to the treasury?"

"I am satisfied that there is but one permanent remedy for our financial embarrassments and that is legislation providing for the retirement and cancellation of the legal tender notes; but, recognizing the fact that such a measure would require time for its consideration, and for its complete execution if adopted, I have hoped that congress would immediately take the necessary steps to assist the government in its efforts to procure and maintain such a gold reserve as may be required to remove the distrust and apprehension which have precipitated the present emergency."

The bill reported by the committee on ways and means falls very far short of the requirements of the situation, and its passage will not benefit the situation which we now have to deal with.

Our difficulties were produced, and have been prolonged and aggravated by the fear that, notwithstanding all the efforts of the administration, we may ultimately be unable to procure gold for the purpose of redeeming our notes and consequently be forced to a silver basis, and this fear can not be wholly removed until some action is taken by congress clearly indicating a purpose to pay all our obligations in gold when demanded by the holders.

Although there is no substantial reason to distrust the character of our notes or other securities or to doubt the purpose of the government to maintain gold payment, the fact that there has been no legislative declaration upon the subject and that no legal authority exists to make them expressly payable in gold, not only prevents the sale of our bonds for the replenishment of the reserve upon the most advantageous terms, but increases the demands for gold by the presentation of notes at the very times when we are least able to meet them without injury to our credit.

If it was not generally expected that these three classes of bonds already authorized by law will be paid in gold at maturity, if demanded, they could not be sold except at an enormous sacrifice, but even this general expectation is not sufficient to altogether satisfy investors, especially in times of financial disturbance. About \$10,000,000 in interest could have been saved to the people on the last issue of bonds, if congress had consented to make them expressly payable in gold, instead of coin. This condition is not at all improved by the pending bill, which still requires all bonds to be payable in coin as heretofore, and confers no new authority except the power to issue and sell three per cent. bonds payable in coin after five years.

At the present time our 30-year four per cent. bonds, with interest payable quarterly, are selling in the markets at rates which yield investors more than three per cent. per annum, and this fact should not be overlooked in determining whether or not a five-year three per cent. coin bond could now be sold at par as the pending bill requires.

"What will be the effect of the provision prohibiting the sale of bonds except after public advertisement?"

"Assuming that a sufficient amount of gold could be procured in that way, any secretary of the treasury would prefer to advertise for bids, but it is evident that there may be circumstances when prompt action is required in order to preserve the credit of the government, and in such cases a peremptory provision requiring a public advertisement might defeat the object of the law and prevent any sale."

Speaking of the second section of the bill, which authorizes the issue of certificates to meet deficiencies in the revenue, Secretary Carlisle said:

"While there is no necessity at the present time for resorting to the exercise of the power which that section confers and may not be in the future, the secretary of the treasury ought at ways to have the authority to issue and sell or use in the payment of expenses, short time certificates or bonds, of the character described in the bill. Such authority ought to have been conferred upon him a long time ago, and it ought to be made permanent instead of being limited to \$50,000,000 as it is by the bill. Except as to this limitation, the section of the bill is a good one."

JOHN ANDERSON has leased and is running the Tremont roller mills.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Mr. Burrows (rep., Mich.) presented a tariff bill, which he offered as an amendment to the house bill, and it was referred to the finance committee.

When the bond question made its appearance Mr. Hill introduced the following resolution, which, after discussion, was laid aside:

Resolved, That any bonds hereafter issued under the laws now in force may, in the discretion of the secretary of the treasury, be made payable in United States gold coin of the present standard weight and fineness, or in standard silver dollars, at the option of the holders of such bonds, but no bond containing such option shall bear a rate of interest exceeding three per cent. per annum payable quarterly.

A joint resolution transferring the territorial machinery of government in Utah to the state authorities was agreed to.

The senate then adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.

In accordance with the decision of the committee on ways and means, reached last Monday Chairman Dingley to-day reported to the house the bill to provide for the restoration and protection of the gold reserve by the sale of 3 per cent. bonds and to authorize the issue of certificates of indebtedness to meet the deficiencies in revenue.

But under the protests of a large number of republican members, the bill was amended by the committee at a meeting held this morning and the programme calling for a vote on the passage of the bill at 5 o'clock to-day was changed so as to give six hours additional debate, three to-night and three to-morrow, the vote to be taken at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. The resolution from the committee on rules to this effect was adopted by a vote of 195 to 101, after it had been antagonized by Messrs. Crisp, Bailey and McMillan, the republicans refraining from discussion.

The debate on the bond bill was opened by Mr. Dingley, who advocated its passage in a speech of an hour's duration. He said its provisions would tend to strengthen and protect the gold reserve by making it a fund for the redemption of greenbacks only, and not a fund to be drawn upon for current expenses.

The passage of the bill was also advocated in the course of the afternoon by Mr. Grosvenor (rep., O.) as a patriotic duty; by Mr. Lacey (rep., Ia.) and Mr. Johnson (rep., N. D.). It was opposed by Mr. Turner (dem., Ga.), who said the administration wanted all the paper money retired, and if he had had an opportunity to do so he would have offered to so amend the bill; by Mr. Patterson (dem., Tenn.), who said the duty of congress was to restore confidence in the currency of the country, and by Messrs. Swanson (dem., Va.) and Wheeler (dem., Ala.).

The sensation of the day came at a late hour in the afternoon when Mr. Johnson (rep., Cal.) voiced in impassioned manner the opinion to the measure in the ranks of the majority. He said it gave the lie to every republican speech and every republican platform, and he pleaded with his present associates to vote against it. He was cheered by the democrats and many republicans as he predicted the defeat of the first section of the bill, and declared that the only true relief to be found was in the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Before the debate was entered upon, by the unanimous report of the committee on elections No. 1, which recommended Mr. McKann for his fairness and justice in waiving his claim to the seat, Mr. Hugh Holman was declared to be entitled to the seat from the third Illinois district, for which Mr. Lawrence E. McKann held the certificate. Mr. Holman was sworn in by the speaker.

At five o'clock the house rose and took a recess until seven p. m.

At the night session the discussion of the bond bill was continued until ten o'clock, at which hour the house adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

ROYALTY DUCKED.

Narrow Escape of Princess Louise Sophie and Baroness Colmar and Their Would-Be Rescuer.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—While Princess Louise Sophie, wife of Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia, was skating with the Baroness Colmar, one of the ladies of the Prussian court, near Griebnitz lake, Bebelberg, near Potsdam, yesterday, the ice gave way and the princess and baroness were thrown into the water, which was very deep. A witness of the mishap named Hankwitz endeavored to rescue them with the aid of a pole, to which the ladies clung, but the ice kept breaking away and threw Hankwitz also into the water, all three being in danger of drowning. A son of Hankwitz ran to the rescue and with the aid of a ladder succeeded in saving the ladies and his father. The princess and the baroness were taken to the castle of Princess Frederick Leopold in an exhausted condition, but they recovered from their shock and exposure.

A DRUNKARD'S FATE.

Found Frozen to Death in a Public Road.

GREENSBORO, Pa., Dec. 28.—Yesterday morning Bush Stewart, of Ruffalo, was found frozen to death on the public road near that place. It seems he and Sam Hontz were drinking Thursday evening and started to drive home in a cart, when Stewart fell out of the cart while Hontz drove on and left him lying on the road.

The Treasury Reserve.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The treasury gold reserve at the close of business yesterday, with all withdrawals outstanding, stood at \$63,868,329. The amount of gold reported withdrawn at New York for export yesterday was \$2,000,000, and \$418,000 in exchange for currency for domestic use.

M. MILLER has opened a notion and confectionery store in Champaign.

Serious Damage Caused by a Storm.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 28.—The storm of last evening caused much damage in this vicinity. Probably the greatest loss was to the plant of the Altoona Gas Co., where one of the buildings was destroyed by the gale. Much valuable machinery within the structure is badly damaged and the loss will reach many thousand dollars.

Commended His Family to Friends and Died for His Country.

HAVANA, Dec. 28.—A hero, the insurgent chief who was shot at Cienfuegos Thursday by order of the authorities, died bravely. The execution took place at six o'clock in the morning. Acoho, before being taken to the place of execution, commended his family to the care of his friends in the locality of his home.

Cited to Appear for Bucketshop Trading.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 28.—H. M. Grone, of the firm of H. M. Grone & Co. was yesterday notified by the committee on bucketshop prosecutions to appear next Tuesday before the directors of the board for trial on the charge of bucketshop trading and sending out fictitious memoranda of purchases and sales. He has been a member of the board about a year, but his business is a large one.

Failure of the Largest Tobacco Planter in the World.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—On account of the recent drought from England to tobacco agents here to cease buying the Kentucky product, together with the decline in prices caused by the warfare between manufacturers, Lester Combs, of this county, the largest tobacco planter in the world, made an assignment yesterday afternoon. Liabilities are about \$200,000.

Among the assets is a quantity of tobacco estimated at 700,000 pounds and nearly one thousand acres of bluegrass land.

The President Expected to Sell One Hundred Millions in Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Carlisle spent most of the day yesterday in consultation with the president and was at the treasury only for a few minutes. The impression is general that the president, living up to the language of his message to congress on its opening, will within a short time sell \$100,000,000 bonds, unless there is evidence that some measure will pass congress speedily. The best opinion is that the chances for the senate and house to concur quickly in any measure that will meet the approval of the president, are slight.

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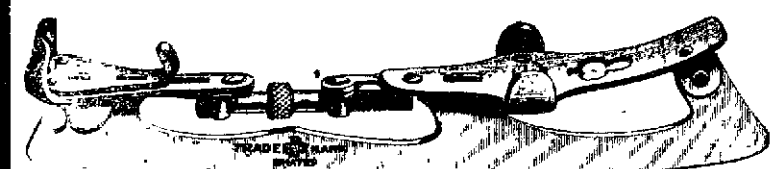
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JUST before going to bed, eat a Cas-  
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fine in the morning.

THE Grand Opera House cigars, made  
by Keck & Weigand, are the best in town.  
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USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.  
You should call for the Little Rose  
and Bouquet cigars. None better to be  
had.

Go to Henry Bros. bakery for all  
kinds of cakes, pies, etc. dec26-dtf

MANY Decatur Masons will go to  
Maroa to-night to witness the exem-  
plification of work.

See those fine carving sets at C. L.  
Griswold & Co's.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR

ALL of the brick walls at the Linn &  
Scruggs corner are down, but there are  
loads and loads of brick and bats still in  
the basement

Go to Irwin's Drug Store for fine  
grade perfumes at bottom prices.

SHOULDER BRACES, atomizers, medi-  
cated soaps and hair tonic at Irwin's  
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WHAT's the matter with you? Consti-  
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STEP in at the C. B. Prescott music  
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THE revival which has been in pro-  
gress at the new M. E. church in Tus-  
cola had resulted in 100 conversions up  
to Friday night. A jubilee service will  
be held Tuesday evening.

A LETTER from Nowequea received  
yesterday caused Marshal Mason and  
Officer Imboden considerable bother. It  
took both officers half an hour to get  
the meaning of the author. Besides  
being a bad penman he was worse at  
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Shawls, all colors, 35c.

10c Wool Shawls, black and  
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was given for the special entertainment  
of the friends of the membership. The  
ladies were lovely in beautiful costumes,  
and the gentlemen were gallant and at  
tentive. The dance marked the midway  
period in the club's season, and will ever  
be pleasantly remembered by those  
privileged to be present. Prof. Leonard  
had charge of the floor, with Mr.  
Siedler, Mr. Heilman and Mr. Lytle.

The members of the Fortnightly Club,  
with their ladies, are Judge Vail, I. R.  
Mills, Frank Shlademan, Geo. A. Stad-  
ler, C. M. Lytle, S. W. Johns, H. I.  
Baldwin, George E. Moeller, W. C.  
Utley, Will Heilman, Robert Taggart,  
E. B. Waleton, J. M. Gray, O. E. Curfiss,  
Newt Davis, Leo Heilbrun, Joseph  
Bridges, A. R. Letts, I. D. Walker, S. E.  
Neubitt, C. T. Hildebrand, H. C. Jones,  
Frank P. Wells and C. M. Burgess.

The invited guests of the club were Mr.  
and Mrs. W. H. Starr, Mr. and Mrs.  
Geo. W. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W.  
Powers, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rozen, Mr. and  
Mrs. J. J. Quinlan, Mr. and Mrs. A. L.  
Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. H. Young, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. B. Alexander, Mr. and  
Mrs. R. B. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs.  
E. P. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hurst,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heilman, Mr. and  
Mrs. M. W. Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. F. P.  
Elwood, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cassell, Mr.  
and Mrs. Alex. Montgomery, Mr. and  
Mrs. Frank Curtis, Misses Polly Vail,  
Bonnie Bartholomew, Marie and  
Jeannette Powers, Marguerite Pratt, of  
Chicago; Emma Cain, of St. Louis; Zella  
Ewing, Anna Strohm, Anna Waleton,  
Miss Temple, St. Louis; Anna Waleton,  
Miss Jeffries, Springfield; Edith Carter,  
Miss Hanson, Eva Downing, Edith  
Harsha, Chicago; Edith Race, Besse  
Young, Carrie Leonard, Anna Rainey,  
Lulu Elwood, Marie Leonard, Miss  
Hill, Miss Hammer, Miss Voorhies,  
Messrs. Charles Pratt, Edwin Haines,  
Cecil Jack, Bryant Vail, Edward Strohm  
W. Curtis Jones, Buffalo, N. Y.; Will  
McBride, Thord Ewing, R. I. Hunt,  
Dadwin Starr Richard Leonard Dr. Pat-  
ton, Lindlay Jones, Will Hammer, Ed-  
gar Quinlan, Kyle Bohon, Troy Alexan-  
der, Murray Mullikin, Lester Wymond,  
Lewis Rainey, Leonard Cassell, Robert  
Taggart, Jr., Bert Hildebrand, Frank  
Hayes.

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Marriage Celebration.

The twelfth marriage anniversary of  
Mr. and Mrs. William Earnest was cele-  
brated last night at the family home,  
257 East Condit street. It was a very  
enjoyable occasion. The couple received  
a number of handsome gifts and several  
cards of regrets were sent in. The  
guests were: Rev. and Mrs. C. F.  
Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Jennie Love, Mr.  
and Mrs. L. Steward, Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert Earnest, Mr. and Mrs. Louis  
Earnest, Mrs. C. F. Wadkins, Miss Ber-  
tha Wadkins, Miss Prudence Rogan and  
E. L. Martin.

The Progressive Club.

The members of the Progressive club  
gave a reception Friday afternoon to  
their lady friends at the home of Mrs.  
John G. Imboden. The following pro-  
gram was rendered:

Instrumental Solo..... Mrs. Erisman  
Reading..... Miss Grace Ponwell  
Recitation..... Mrs. B. A. Allison  
Vocal Solo..... Miss Myra Carmany  
Reading..... Mrs. Clay Dempsey  
Vocal Solo..... Mrs. Erisman

A paper on the past, present and  
future history of the club was read by  
Mrs. Imboden. After the program ele-  
gant refreshments were served.

To Form a Circuit.

A meeting of fair directors will be  
held in Terre Haute January 7, 1896,  
with the view of arranging a fair circuit  
to consist of the following cities: Craw-  
fordsville, Lafayette, Bloomington, Vin-  
cennes, Princeton and Terre Haute in  
Indiana, and Champaign, Farmer City  
and Paris in Illinois.

The arrangement if perfected prop-  
erly will be to the advantage of every  
fair in the circuit, especially in the mat-  
ter of speed attractions.

Sues for Damages.

Harry T. Loper brought suit against  
the Alton railroad for \$1,200 damages in  
Springfield yesterday. The plaintiff  
conducted a lunch stand at the old  
depot and May 15, when the work of  
tearing down the old structure was be-  
gun, he says the workmen destroyed his  
counters, shelves and outfit and threw  
them out in the street. The goods were  
valued at \$500.—Bloomington Bul-  
letin.

Will Discard Wagons.

On January 1st the Wabash will dis-  
card the use of Wagner sleepers on  
trains 4 and 5, between Chicago and St.  
Louis, and in their place there will be  
placed Wabash parlor cars. Conductors  
A. J. Thompson and G. B. Miller, who  
have been jointly employed by the Wa-  
bash and Wagner companies, will re-  
main in the service of the former.

THE GARDEN STATE STILL LEADS IN  
RAILWAY MILEAGE.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 26.—The twen-  
ty-fifth annual report of the Illinois  
railroad and warehouse commission  
will be made to the governor early in  
January. Illinois still leads all states  
of the union in total miles of railway in  
operation, having 10,471.93 miles. Dur-  
ing the past year 137.63 miles were built.  
The capital stock of the 177 Illinois rail-  
ways is \$973,933,948; funded debt, \$1-  
169,418,515; current liabilities, \$97,720,306;  
total, \$2,233,703,169; total per mile,  
\$200.365. The increase of capital stock  
over 1894 is \$153,126,454. Income of  
roads: Gross earnings from opera-  
tions, \$203,039,950; operating expenses,  
\$178,879,977; income from oper-  
ations, \$24,160,903; income from other  
sources, \$13,336,408; total income \$102-  
517,321. Total earnings and income in  
Illinois, \$76,263,578. Total earnings from  
operation and income show a decrease  
of \$1,244,938. The total expenditures in  
Illinois for the year, \$72,171,953. Num-  
ber of tons of freight carried earning  
revenue was \$2,445,166; number of em-  
ployes, 62,755; increase, 1,563.

TEACHERS AT THE CAPITAL

List of Macon County's Represent-  
atives—State Meeting.

The following is a complete list of  
Decatur and Macon county officials and  
teachers who attended the state meeting  
at Springfield this week:

E. A. Gastman, Anna Vetterleit, Laura  
Aikin, Kate G. Aikin, T. L. Evans, Eliza-  
beth L. Howes, Flora E. Hill, Mabel  
Wilson, Kate R. Dennis, Marie Brand,  
R. F. Davidson, F. W. Westhoff, Katharine  
Brown, Eva Humphrey, Elizabeth Con-  
John Trainer, Della Artur, J. H. Coun-  
rad, Mary Brooks, Lucinda A. Johnson,  
Carrie Mallory, Decatur; Jesse Mallory,  
Elwin; J. J. Sheppard, Celeste Hoffman,  
Clara E. Hoffman, J. N. Donahay, John  
G. Keller, Decatur; J. F. Wicks, Boody;  
Ernest B. Lytle, May Keethes, Clara N.  
Hawkes, Catherine McGorray; J. A.  
Hodge, Marou; E. T. Caldwell, Nantico;  
J. P. Harbort, Mt. Zion.

A \$30,000 ESTATE.

In the county court Friday the last  
will of the late James G. Cooper, of  
Maroa, was filed for probate. The estate  
is valued at \$30,000. The deceased  
owned 360 acres of farm land near Ma-  
roa and had as well several houses and  
lots in that city, and personal property  
valued at \$1,500. The will was a long  
one but its provisions are simple. To  
his wife, Elizabeth Cooper, he gave his  
home place in Maroa, for her use during  
her natural lifetime. To his daughter,  
Mrs. Mattie Cade, for her lifetime he  
gave two lots in Maroa and the house  
which is now upon them. He declared  
that his wife should have the benefits  
from a farm of 160 acres of land and  
that the rents and profits of a farm  
of 200 acres should go to his  
daughter, Mattie Cade. Upon the  
death of these beneficiaries the entire  
estate is to be divided share and share  
alike between his grandchildren, the  
children of Mrs. Mattie Cade. The  
estate is worth upwards of \$30,000. In  
closing his will the testator said that he  
had tried to dispose of his property in a  
fair way and to honestly discharge the  
claims of all persons who had any claim  
upon his bounty. He added that he be-  
lieved that he had done so and made a  
sweeping provision that any one of the  
beneficiaries who should refuse to abide  
by its provisions and made any attempt  
to contest or disturb the will should be  
cut off without a cent. Basil Cooper  
was named as executor and qualified as  
such.

Billy Hale Has Quit.

Freepoint Journal: W. H. Hale, of  
this city, who is one of the oldest con-  
ductors in the employ of the Illinois  
Central railroad, has tendered his resig-  
nation. He was in the employ of the  
railroad for about 32 years, running  
from Dubuque to Centralia and no man  
in the employ of the Central has more  
true friends along the line than Billy  
Hale, and he will be greatly missed by  
the patrons of the road. Women and  
children always felt safe on a Central  
train when Mr. Hale was in charge of  
the train. He was one of the most  
careful and courteous conductors that  
ever punched a ticket, and in his retire-  
ment the company loses one of its most  
faithful and efficient men.

Sunday School Officers.

Last evening a meeting of the officers  
and teachers of the Sunday school of the  
First Methodist church was held and  
the following officers were elected to  
serve for the ensuing year:  
Superintendent—John G. Imboden.  
Secretary—Frank L. Suffren.  
Librarian—William F. Brett.  
Choirleader—Miss John Johnson, Jr.  
Pianist—Miss Mame Simons.  
President of the School Missionary So-  
ciety—W. W. Dawson.  
The superintendent will appoint his  
assistants.

Will Entertain.

On Sunday evening at the hall of the  
society on South Broadway the ladies of  
the Decatur Turn Verein will give a  
supper to the active members of that  
organization. The affair will be for  
members of the society only. The hours  
of the supper will be from 6 to 8 o'clock.  
Goodman's band will be present, and the  
promoters of the affair are leaving noth-  
ing undone to make it a great success in  
a social way.

Elected Officers.

The members of the Columbia Lodge  
Daughters of Rebekah, held a meeting  
last night at their hall and elected  
officers for the ensuing term as follows:  
Noble Grand—Mrs. S. Dientstier.  
Vice Grand—Mrs. John Allen.  
Recording Secretary—Miss Grace  
Hampton.  
Financial Secretary—Mrs. Jennie I.  
Dixon.  
Treasurer—Miss Jones.

THE LATE STATE TREASURER'S CARLYLE  
CREDITORS IN COURT

To Oppose the Claim of the Chicago  
Bondmen—Story of the Death and  
Obligation of the Illinoisman, Who  
With Ex-Banker Selzer Left a Pus-  
tling Complication.

CARLYLE, ILL., Dec. 27.—The suit of  
the local creditors of the Ramsey bank  
against the Chicago bondmen of the  
late State Treasurer will be tried here  
in January.

The closing up of this bank over a  
year ago was an unfortunate calamity  
to the people here, as many had their  
last dollar on deposit there.

After the death of Mr. Ramsey in  
November, 1894, the main question was  
the ability of the administrator to liq-  
uidate all the debts. These hopes were  
all scattered, though, when the bond-  
men from Chicago filed their claim of  
\$263,539.52 against the estate, represent-  
ing the amount due the state treasury  
at the time of Mr. Ramsey's death.

The bondmen claimed that the orig-  
inal shortage was nearly \$300,000, but  
they had collected the difference from  
parties who had borrowed the state  
money.

When this claim was filed there was  
some opposition to its validity, and Cash-  
ier Carl Moll of the National Bank of  
Chicago, and Cashier Blount of the Chi-  
cago National came down as representa-  
tives of the bondmen to prove their  
claim, which was finally allowed by  
Judge Jones in the county court here.

This claim, though, is in the sixth  
class, and must be paid in full before the  
local creditors are compensated.

The total amount of deposits in the  
bank at the time of Ramsey's death was  
something over \$110,000; thus the total  
liabilities are \$473,539.52.

SELZER'S DEBT.

As a collateral for notes on Henry  
Selzer, the ex-Lebanon banker, to the  
amount of \$25,307.78, which he had  
borrowed from the state funds, were 100  
lots in Chicago; 200 shares in the Leba-  
non Dairy company; 2,500 of the shares  
of the Illinois Farm company; \$4,400  
mortgage on the Wampala land and im-  
provement company of Idaho, and 800  
acres of land in St. Clair county.

A compromise has since been effected  
whereby the bondmen accept the above  
collateral and credit the Ramsey estate  
with \$208,000. Thus it will be seen that  
this compromise has helped matters con-  
siderably here.

The assets of the Ramsey estate con-  
sist of personal property, cash, notes, ac-  
counts, stocks and bonds valued at \$94,  
214.62.

No valuation is placed upon the real  
estate of which there are 2,400 acres of  
land in this county and Madison Coun-  
ty, Ill.; State of Kansas, and a piece of  
ground on Rutgers street in St. Louis,  
and residence and business buildings in  
this city.

EFFORTS TO EFFECT A COMPROMISE.

An attempt has been made by Admin-  
istrator E. P. Rankin and his legal ad-  
visor, M. P. Murray, to compromise the  
balance of the bondmen's claim,  
amounting to about \$100,000, but thus  
far has been an unsuccessful.

The suit of the creditors against the  
bondmen is set for next Monday, De-  
cember 30, when the validity of their  
claim will be tested. An attempt will  
be made to prove that the five Chicago  
bankers handled the state money, and  
failed to pay the interest for the use of  
the same to Ramsey.

The fact has already been established  
that at the time the state treasury was  
placed under the supervision of Mr.  
Ramsey, the bondmen then had in their  
banks \$1,750,000, divided equally among  
them.

The plaintiffs in the case are repre-  
sented by Messrs. G. Van Hoorbecke,  
Thomas E. Ford, Darius Kingsbury and  
J. J. McGaffigan, all able attorneys.

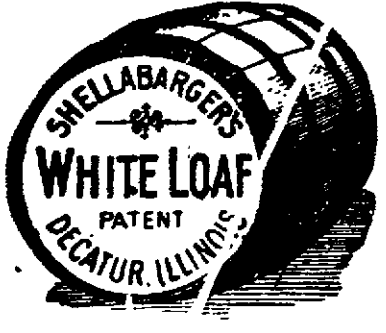
The testimony will all be introduced  
by the means of depositions taken from  
the following persons: John R. Walsh,  
president, and F. M. Blount, cashier,  
Chicago National bank; John A. King,  
president and John H. Witbeck, vice  
president, Fort Dearborn National bank  
of Chicago; and L. S. Gould, cashier,  
Elmhurst & Co., Elmhurst, president, and  
Harvey H. Hitchcock, cashier, Metropolitan  
National bank; Carl Moll, cashier, Na-  
tional bank of Chicago; Gov. Altgeld,  
State Auditor, Grace, John K. Tanner,  
Wm. F. Dora, private secretary to the  
governor; Col. Hugh E. Bayle, assistant  
adjutant general, and Senator B. F.  
Caldwell.

Judge Wall will hear the case.

Will Probably Move.

Prof. C. W. Hastings will probably  
move to Decatur next summer. He is  
negotiating for some lots there, and will  
build a house of modern style at a cost  
of \$3000 or \$3500. He will give his un-  
divided attention to the "Extract Busi-  
ness," which is one of the best paying  
business institutions now in operation  
in Decatur. He is in company with the  
Waldorf Brothers, and the three are  
owners of the entire stock in the estab-  
lishment.—Warrensburg Times.





SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1935.

PREVENTED A DIVORCE.

White Girl Reminds Father and Mother in a Brooklyn Court.

When the Los Angeles police court, Brooklyn, opened the other morning, a woman carrying a three-months-old child in her arms, her eyes red from weeping, sat in the consultation room.

The courtroom sat John Bartholomew, of No. 154 Palmto street, waiting to be called for trial on a charge of failing to support his wife, Julia Bartholomew, of No. 176 Throop avenue.

During the proceedings of the court a sweet-faced three-year-old child now and then ran from her mother in the consultation room to her father in the courtroom.



CARRIE BARTHOLOMEW.

courtroom. She was so engaging that she ran behind the judge's desk and made herself at home. "I'm Carrie Bartholomew," she said to a court officer, "and I'm three years." One moment she would climb into her father's lap and whisper to him, the next moment she was at her mother's side. No one interfered with her and she was allowed to play at will.

When the mother and father faced the justice, Carrie stood between them holding their hands. The couple had disagreed and the husband went to live with his mother. He complained that she was always nagging at him because he was not at home at certain hours. She complained that he left her and would not support her.

Justice Goetting made every effort to effect reconciliation, and in despair ordered the couple to sit down and think the matter over. Carrie renewed her travels between her parents. The tears came into the eyes of the mother as she saw the little peacemaker climb into the prisoner's lap and wind her little arms about his neck. Then she ran back to her mother and contentedly sat beside her. Lawyer McGee in a few minutes stepped to the bar and said:

"Your honor, these people have agreed to live together." Justice Goetting immediately called the case, and the little family left the court, Carrie prattling and walking between her father and mother.

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"Those bulldogs were the biggest and most savage appearing animals I ever saw. I learned afterwards that they had won several prizes for weight and ferocity. They approached with open jaws and flashing eyes, and it seemed to me that either could kill with a single bite. Certainly their jaws were big enough to close around the calf of any ordinary man's leg, and mine is rather small. I could almost feel their teeth and could see myself wallowing on the ground with the brute tearing my flesh.

The perspiration was cold upon my body when one of them jumped upon me, and I gave myself up for lost. She did not try to bite, but I was certain that she was only playing with me before proceeding to business. Very likely it was the fear that incapacitated me from moving hand or limb that proved my salvation, for she continued to take the same playful view of me that the deer-hound had.

"How long this would have continued I am unable to guess, for about this time the owner of the dogs was attracted by my companion's calls for help, and upon her appearance all the dogs left me to rush to her. Evidently my companion was not in error as to the character of the animal, for the owner grabbed her by the collar as soon as she was within reaching distance, yanked her into her kennel and barred the door. I was weak for several hours thereafter."

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BULLDOG SCARED HIM.

Timid Man's Experience with a Hunting Woman's Dogs.

Fear Incapacitated Him from Moving Hand or Limb and This Inactivity, in All Probability, Saved His Life.

A timid New Yorker, who recently visited the houses of some of the sporting set in the suburbs of Hempstead, gives this account of his experience with the dogs of one of the women hunters to a New York Sun man: "I was escorted to her residence by the superintendent of an adjoining estate, and to get there quickly we made a short cut across lots. We came out at the stables in the rear of the house and were just about to enter the grounds when a whole pack of deer-hounds rushed out at us. They were enormous fellows, with cavernous mouths and big, shining teeth, and I, who am not a hunter and not familiar with dogs, wished myself somewhere else. Before I could make a move, however, they were upon us, and I shut my eyes, clinched my teeth and waited. I relaxed only when my companion called to me that the dogs were good natured. So they proved, jumping upon me and licking my hands playfully.

"I began to feel reassured, when I saw my guide turn pale, and, with every appearance of terror, jump up on a barrel. At the same time he shouted: 'Look out for that animal! She's got pups and is dangerous.' I turned to see a powerful female bulldog racing across the field, followed by a male of the same breed.

"Imagine my feelings, surrounded by strange dogs whose temper might change at any moment, and threatened by new enemies of whose ferocity I was assured by a man accustomed to handling dogs and fully informed as to their particular ones! In terror I looked about me for some way of escape. None presented itself. To run was to invite certain destruction, for the dogs would then suspect me of being an enemy and could easily overtake me. To wait seemed equally dangerous.

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W. H. FORDHAM, D. D., pastor, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Suffering is Related to Love." Strangers and all others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

COLLEGE STREET CHURCH, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. R. G. Wells, Supt. West Street Chapel, 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Suffering is Related to Love." Strangers and all others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH, Rev. D. F. Moore, pastor. Class meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Suffering is Related to Love." Strangers and all others not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited.

SARGENT'S CHURCH, Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Class meeting at 8:15 p. m. Church Street Sunday School, Sunday school every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in the black North Church street. All persons in that neighborhood cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE, Church street, between Eldorado and North, Rev. Geo. E. Hall, pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Communion at 10:45, followed by a sermon on "Two Starling Questions." At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will deliver a picture sermon on "The Letter and the Spirit." Baptismal service following.

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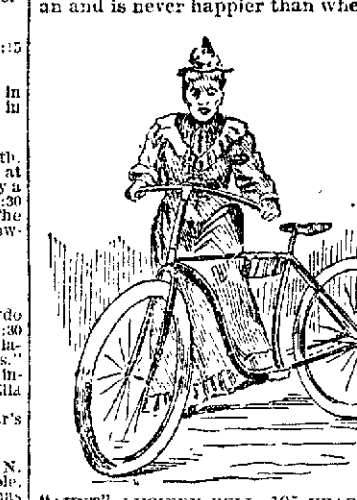
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LIVELY OLD LADY.

Colored Woman, 105 Years of Age, Rides a Boy's Bicycle.

In Fort Dodge, Ia., lives a colored woman, who is without doubt the oldest colored person in the United States. "Aunt" Lucindy Bell gives her age as 105 years. Although there is no proof of her exact age, she is fully as old as she claims to be, if not older. She has a wonderful memory and relates numerous incidents of her early childhood, in which she mentioned the names of many officers who died before the present century was commenced. She was a famous cook when a young woman and is never happier than when telling



"AUNT" LUCINDY BELL, 105 YEARS OLD.

ing of some great banquet at which she acted in that capacity and received highly commendatory praise from numerous great men.

She has lived in Fort Dodge for a number of years, having come north at the close of the war with her husband, who died some 20 years ago. Among the wealthy people of the city are a number who contribute regularly to her support, and every day, rain or shine, she can be seen going from house to house for her regular contribution.

She is as spry and active as a young girl and keeps fully posted on all the important events of the day. She has several great-grandchildren who attend the public school, and every day she has some of them come to her little cabin on the outskirts of the town and read a large supply of newspapers which she gathers up in her rambles.

The "new woman" question is one in which she is intensely interested, and she cannot hear too much in regard to it. She has often expressed a desire to wear a bloomer costume, and has often requested her providers to procure one for her, and their refusal to do so up to a short time ago kept her in very low spirits. But the time for her crowning triumph was at hand. A young nephew of "Aunt" Lucindy purchased a bicycle, and after much persuasion on her part, agreed to lend it to her for a number of hours every day. She mustered it in a short time, and great was the astonishment of Fort Dodge when she came spinning down the main street astride a bicycle.

HORRID GUM CHEWING.

Two Girls Fined for Noisy Masturbation During a Revival.

A very interesting case in the police court at Cumberland, Md., occurred in which two young and pretty girls figured as prisoners before the bar of justice. Rev. Mr. Gillum, pastor of a church at Crispsville, swore out a warrant against the girls, charging them with disturbing public worship. They were committed to jail until about noon the next day, when they were taken before the public judge for trial.

Rev. Mr. Gillum was placed on the stand and stated that he had been conducting a revival, and that the girls had been in a habit of spitting gum in front of the church and chewing gum in such a noisy manner as to disturb his congregation. He also stated that he told a

brother of one of the girls about it, when his sister came dancing up the aisle and made a mouth at him. The minister remonstrated with the young woman, when the other girl interfered and placed his hand on her shoulder and told her to go out and never come back again. The girls then went out and dared him to come out on the outside. He went out, when a regular scene took place. One of the girls shook her fist in his face and called him a liar.

Several other witnesses were examined who swore that the girls had disturbed public worship by chewing gum and laughing and talking. The magistrate imposed fines and costs amounting to \$27, which was paid.

The girls are extremely pretty, and have always been considered ladylike heretofore.

Sleeping Girl's Strange Visions.

Sonnetta, in Upper Silesia, has a sleeping girl, who, in her waking intervals, divulges communications which she professes to have received directly from the virgin. Thousands of people flock to see the miracle, and the police authorities also have her under observation.

WIFE—Here's an account of a man who shot himself rather than suffer the pangs of indigestion. Husband—The wife, "Why didn't he take De Witt's Little Early Rider? I used to suffer as bad as he did before I commenced taking these little pills. We're drug store.

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SAVES A BABY'S LIFE.

Chicago Woman Displays Heroism and Presence of Mind.

The coolness and bravery of Mrs. Kate Chapman saved little Frankie Tirney from death by burning. Frankie is three years old, and lives with his father and mother in Mrs. Chapman's boarding house, 515 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Tirney is a musician employed in the Haymarket theater orchestra, and is also the author of several popular songs. The other evening he went to his work as usual, and about nine o'clock Mrs. Tirney went out on an errand, locking her room door and leaving little Frankie asleep in bed.

A few minutes after Mrs. Tirney's departure Mrs. Chapman's attention was attracted by a child's screams. She rushed to the room occupied by the Tirneys and through the transom saw that the room was on fire. She tried to open the door, but it was locked, and she was unable to force the fastenings. Realizing the child's danger, Mrs. Chapman ran downstairs and up through the adjoining building to the roof, which is on a level with the window opening from the room in which the child was imprisoned.

A space of three feet separates the buildings, but with a broom Mrs. Chapman snatched the child from the fire, and he was on the roof in a few moments. She was unable to force the fastenings. Realizing the child's danger, Mrs. Chapman ran downstairs and up through the adjoining building to the roof, which is on a level with the window opening from the room in which the child was imprisoned.

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black red and white, formerly sold  
at 1.50, at 49c pr.  
pairs Cuff Buttons at 15c pr.  
pairs White Shirts at 25c.  
pairs Men's Suspenders at 10c pr.  
pairs Men's Lined Cuffs at 10c pr.  
pairs Men's Lined Night Shirts  
pairs wool Bed Blankets, reduced to  
3, 2.50 and 2.98.  
Bed Comforts at 49, 69, 79 and 98c.  
Skirt Patterns reduced to 25, 69, 98c.  
yards Outing Flannel at 5c yd.  
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yards all linen Crash, 5c yd.  
pairs Ladies' Kid Gloves, black and  
white, \$1.00 and 1.25, reduced to 49c  
it, two pairs to each customer.  
dozen ladies' outing flannel Dressing  
at 25c.  
dozen Ladies' Waists, made from  
the serge, English flannel and cor-  
th, \$1.72, 2.00 and 2.50, at 98c.  
waists to each customer.  
dozen infants' Boots at 15c.  
dozen Children's White Dresses 25c.  
dozen Children's Canton Flannel  
at 1c pr.  
dozen Ladies' and Misses' Hats at 25c.  
dozen Ladies' Trimmings at 69c.  
yards Lace Remnants at 2, 3 and  
4c yd.  
yards Lace Remnants, fine quality,  
at 25c yd.  
yards Fur Trimmings, all grades,  
at 10c yd.  
pairs Dress Goods, black and col-  
ored, 25, 39 and 49c.

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from its purpose. Finally  
the shot, slipped out through  
a hole, secured a horse, and aroused  
the town. A posse of armed men went  
to the rescue, and the vicious brute was  
disarmed with a couple of rifle bul-  
lets.

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There is a dog in New London, Conn.,  
which is an unusually intelligent ani-  
mal in several respects. Some  
nights since the mistress of the house  
attempted to send him from the room,  
but he who never before failed to obey  
refused to move. The lady then had  
her usual evening prayers, and after  
the room with no result. After that he  
was urged to move before prayer a num-  
ber of times, and he always refused.  
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If Spring Came Now.  
O soul, and hath there ever come to thee  
A thought that laid its hand upon thy brow,  
And whispered: "Dost thou grieve? Spring  
is to be:—  
Wouldst thou have springtime now?  
"The snow must whiten all the haggard  
plains,  
The snow must rest in every yawning  
wound,  
And from the sky must come the healing  
rains,  
That bathe the barren ground.  
"Nay, if spring came to-day and tarried  
long,  
Thou wouldst forget the sweetness of  
her face,  
Thou wouldst not feel the God-like in her  
song,  
Nor bless her dear hand's grace.  
"And wouldst thou greet her with the  
daisies so dear,  
And parched fields? And wouldst thou  
have her come  
When all the dregs of autumn choke the  
mere,  
And all the woods are dumb?  
"Nay, let the snowflakes heal the wounds  
of fall,  
And let the winds blow high, that they  
may sweep  
The hidden paths, the dead leaves over all,  
And ready for her feet."  
O soul, and hath there ever come to thee  
A thought that smoothed the shadows  
from thy brow,  
And said: "The patient Springtime is to be,  
With thou have springtime now?  
—Josephine P. Peabody, in Youth's Com-  
panion.

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WANTED—60 men to take advantage of the  
specialty sale of clothing at Charles E.  
Morgan's, 115 Merchants' Street. 25 cent discount  
on all goods, suits, coats, hats, shoes, etc. Hours  
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WANTED—The public to know that Archie  
Ward has moved his barber shop to his  
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and have your rough beard removed. Oct 21-22

WANTED—100 ladies to visit Madame Skin-  
ner and get her prices before having their hair  
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vator to fourth floor. Dec 21-22

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cluding upholstered and parlor suits, very  
newly upholstered and refinished, just as good  
looking as new, at very low prices. Chicago Second Hand Store,  
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amine and sell my new line of goods. I have  
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Delighted crowds thronged our store Monday and  
Tuesday from early morning till late at night, not-  
withstanding the false and malicious reports circu-  
lated by crippled competitors. They might as well  
try to turn back the waters of Niagara Falls as to  
stop the people from coming to the Golden Rule.

There is every reason why we are thankful for the liberal  
patronage from our many customers. In our old store the  
people gave us their confidence and trade, and in our mammoth  
three-story brick building they have enlarged our trade and  
have made the business of this year simply beyond anything  
that we figured on or expected. In thus showing their ap-  
preciation of our enterprise the people not only profit us but  
they profit the city. By making our store successful they  
convince the outer world that Decatur has blossomed out into  
a city not only great in the minds of an enthusiastic people,  
but great in fact and worthy of all the good things that may  
be said of her. As part of this greatness we are thankful.  
Hoping we may have your good wishes for the coming  
year, we wish you all a happy New Year.

A Few Prices That Will Save You Dollars.

30c. per Bushel.	25c
Five cars northern potatoes, Rose, Burbank, White Star, etc. All go next week at 30c per bushel. Pine, large and neatly.	45c
90c	80c
For 50 pounds of fine Minnesota flour.	7c
For 50 pounds of good Baking Flour.	8c
For 8 pounds hand-picked Navy Beans.	20c
For 6 pounds of New Lima or Butter Beans.	10c
For 4 pounds of Three Crown Raisins.	15c
For 3 packages of New Rolled Oats.	10c
For 8 bars Lenox Soap.	10c
For 2 gallon bucket White Drip Syrup.	25c
For 5 gallon keg New Sorghum.	25c
For one gallon New Sorghum.	25c
For 2 cans of good Peas.	1c
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For 4 packages New Mince Meat.	25c
For 2 packages New Mince Meat.	25c
For 3 pounds of good Mince Meat, such as others sell for 12c per pound.	20c
For 15 pound can of good Country Butter.	15c
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Twenty-Three Persons Killed in a  
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### DURING A WILD RUSH FOR THE EXITS.

Caused by a False Alarm of Fire—Many  
Others Injured, Some of Whom  
Will Die—Almost a Riot  
on the Outside.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 28.—Twenty-three persons were crushed and trampled to death in a panic at the Grand Opera House last night. Several others were injured, some of whom will, it is believed, die.

The United Oriental Opera and Dramatic Co., of Boston, under the management of A. Schoenfeld and Abraham Tassman, was billed to present the Jewish opera "Alexander," and the theater was filled with a motley throng. About 2,000 persons were in the house when the orchestra began playing the introductory. A strong odor of gas was noticed in the second gallery of the theater and one of the attendants of the place was seen hunting for the leak with a lighted torch. Suddenly a jet of flame flashed out from the torch came in contact with the pun-tilled gas pipe.

Cries of "Fire!" were heard in the upper galleries, and in an instant the excitement became intense. Some one rushed to the gas meter and turned off the supply, plunging the main body of the house into darkness. The stage jets alone remained lighted, being fed through another meter. Instead of allaying the excitement caused by the sheet of flame from the leaking pipe, the turning off of the gas and consequent darkness only served to add to the confusion.

The actors on the stage and a few cool heads in the audience added to the turmoil by shouting their commands to "sit down," and cursing those who were most vigorous in their efforts to get out.

The struggling mass of humanity made little or no headway for a few minutes; every aisle was congested, and every doorway jammed with the frantic Poles and Russian Jews who mainly composed the gathering.

The strong men in the rear of the panic-stricken mob climbed upon the shoulders of those in front, crushing the weaker men, women and children to the floor to be trampled to death by those still further in the rear.

For several minutes the wild fight continued. Then a few policemen forced a passage way to the main entrance and began dragging forth those who were jammed in the doors. A rushing stream of humanity flowed out on Front street until all those who were able to move reached the open air.

A majority of the victims were young men, girls and children. They were tenderly carried to the front of the house and taken to the city hospital and the morgue as fast as the ambulances and patrol wagons could make the trips. Great crowds followed the ambulances and patrol wagons and stormed the entrances to the hospital and morgue in their anxiety to learn if their relatives or friends were among the injured or dead.

Twenty-three dead bodies were finally taken from the theater. Ten persons more or less injured, are at the city hospital, and two of these may die. Several others were taken to their homes in carriages suffering from contusions or broken bones. The death toll will probably exceed twenty-five.

### KILLED BY CATTLE RUSTLERS.

The Earl Mrs. Ross Believes Overtook  
Her Father's Family.

POKESIE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Susie Hess, of Pokesie, Col., informed the police here yesterday that in her opinion her father, mother, sister and brother had been murdered by cattle "rustlers." The Donnelly family had started for Lewiston, Idaho, by wagon trail from Ellensburg, Donnelly having sold his business in the city.

Mrs. Hess is a widow and had been requested to make her home with her parents at Ellensburg. Not finding them on her arrival, she went to Lewiston, but found no trace of her relatives. She began a search and was firmly convinced that Donnelly and family were killed for the money they carried.

### EXECUTION OF JOS. CADOETTE.

Acknowledged the Killing, but Denied the  
Alleged Motive.

HELESA, Mont., Dec. 27.—At 10:15 this morning Joseph Cadoette was executed at Fort Benton for the murder of his trapping partner about a year ago on account of a girl. The execution was a success, death being instantaneous. The body was cut down in six minutes. He died game, and just before the black cap was pulled over his face he said: "Gentlemen, it was said I killed Richardson over a girl. I swear before God, holding up my right hand, that is not so. It was pure passion. I thought this man wanted to take everything away from me. I am now to pay for his life. Good-by."

### Will Move to Amend the Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Quay in the senate yesterday afternoon gave notice of an intended amendment to the tariff bill to increase the tax on imported tobacco wrappers from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per 100, and from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per 100.

### Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Judge John C. Quinn, of the court of claims, has been appointed member of the board of auditors for the consular service, in place of Walter E. Paisson, solicitor of the department, resigned.

### A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Conahatche, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house, and his family always follow its use; that he would not without it, if procurable. G. A. Newman, druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has in his family for cough.

and it never failed to do all that it was told to do. Why not try a remedy tried and tested? Trial bottles free and sent. Trial bottles free and sent. Trial bottles free and sent.

## TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

A nest of counterfeiters has been unearthed in the Kentucky penitentiary.

The return of Gen. Martinez Campos to Havana is much commented upon in Madrid.

A dispatch from Havana says the insurgent chief Acebo was shot Thursday at Cienfuegos.

Chauncey Depew thinks the bond bill will pass the senate, but doesn't know about the tariff bill.

The remains of Harry Hayward, the Minneapolis murderer, were incinerated shortly after noon yesterday in a Chicago crematory.

Deputy Sheriff Doston, who runs the saloon in Detroit, was shot four times and fatally injured, yesterday, in a quarrel with his barkeeper.

George McDonald, son of Representative McDonald, of Ware county, Ga., was shot and killed in a quarrel by a man also named McDonald.

The proposition of passing a ten days' recess, resolution after the bond tariff bill, is being received from the house is being advanced by senators.

Mr. Gladstone, with his wife and other members of his family, left Harwarden yesterday for Biarritz, France. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone were in good health.

At Des Moines, Ia., yesterday S. R. Dawson was bound over to the grand jury without bonds on the charge of murdering his son-in-law, Walter Scott, Christmas eve.

The remains of an unknown man were found, Thursday, on the railroad track about half a mile south of El Soto, Mo. The body was cut and mangled in a fearful manner.

Minneapolis doctors are puzzled over a new disease which is becoming epidemic. They say it differs from anything they have ever seen before, and they have no idea what to call it.

Robert Carey, a young lad living at East Lynn, in Warrington, W. Va., became involved in a quarrel with Albert Adkins, Thursday, over a girl. The latter shot Carey in the bowels fatally.

The cruiser Kwang-Ping, one of the war ships captured from China by the Japanese during the recent war, has been wrecked on the Pescadore Islands. Nearly all her deck officers and women are missing.

John H. Husted, a well-known mining man, said to have been worth \$500,000, committed suicide Thursday at his home in Denver, Col., by shooting himself in the head. Despondency, due to ill-health.

A semi-official dispatch from Meridian, Miss., says it is reported there that the Armenians lost 2,500 men and the Turks 250 in the fighting which resulted in the recapture of Zetoun by the Turks.

It is reported that an engagement of marriage has been made between William Waldorf Astor and Lady Randolph Churchill, and that the wedding will all probability be celebrated in London next autumn.

There is a strong belief among many Russians living in New York, the city that Sergius M. D. Stepanik, well-known refugee and author, who died last Monday, was killed by spies of the Russian government.

Francis L. Higginson, of Boston, whose wife recently eloped with James Wheatland Smith and sailed for Genoa on the steamship Columbia, has filed in the superior court a petition for divorce on the statutory grounds.

The investigation of the charges preferred by Lord Dunsany against the Defender syndicate, began yesterday behind closed doors in the New York Yacht clubhouse. Lord Dunsany was in attendance with his counsel.

Five thousand negroes braved the midnight weather Thursday and visited Richmond park for the purpose of celebrating New Year's day at the Atlanta exposition. In addition to the negroes, there were thousands of white visitors on the grounds.

A dispatch from Salvador says Col. Rivers and 24 officers of the Salvadoran army were lined up and shot by the soldiers, who mutilated because of an objectionable order of the commander, who had exaggerated his men by his brutality.

United States Marshal McHenry, one of the most efficient officers in the southwest, was killed Thursday in the Indian territory, while attempting to arrest a desperado named Young. During the battle two other desperados, brothers of Young, were killed.

Eldorado Springs, Mo., said to be the last new city in the United States without a railroad line, as a result of the terrible floods, is in danger of a famine. All freight is hauled by wagons, and none have been able to bring in groceries or other necessities for ten days.

A special from Madison, Ind., says: At Mount Zion's church, this county, Christmas night, Ed Robertson, son of Charles Reed's throat, and the preacher, Rev. Fletcher Jones, fractured Robertson's skull with a club. Robertson was dragged to a corner of the room and the entertainment went on.

Christmas festivities at the First Presbyterian church in Peoria, Ill., Thursday night came to an abrupt end. King Winter, impersonated by Howard Fisher, caught fire, dashed from the stage into the audience and wound up by creating a panic among the children, a number of whom were injured.

### AN ANTI-POOL ROOM BILL

Likely to Pass the Kentucky Legislature.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 28.—There is a straight tip here that an organized effort will be made as soon as the new legislature meets to pass an anti-pool room bill. The bill will be backed by several Louisville members, and will look to the wiping out of these institutions, both in Louisville and Covington. Stringent provisions will be incorporated in the bill, and the operation of pool rooms will be denounced by the bill as a felony.

Dr. S. A. ROMINE was a \$65 parlor suite given by the merchants of Urbana to the person who had spent the most money with them since September 9. The amount was \$1,850.50.

LINCOLN's new electric light company will be incorporated for \$10,000, with the following officers: C. H. Harts, president; J. St. Carney, vice president; A. S. Caldwell, secretary; E. E. Wozelick, treasurer.

In the House, Saturday, Congressman Grant introduced a bill providing for a \$100,000 appropriation for a government building in Pekin, the sum named to include both building and site.

## DUN'S TRADE REVIEW

Bad Effects of the President's Proclamations on Business.

### NO IMPROVEMENT BEFORE NEW YEARS

Likely to be Realized—General Depression and Falling Prices of Commodities Noted in Nearly All Branches of Trade.

New York, Dec. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co. say today in their weekly review of trade:

Failures for the week have been 322 in the United States, against 350 last year and 40 in Canada against 41 last year.

The foreign and financial messages of the president were followed by violent reaction in the stock market last Saturday, with grave fears of monetary trouble. The sudden panic checked business in many departments and the industries can not be expected to show signs of improvement until the new year begins.

Bessemer pig has declined 25 cents more at Pittsburgh; the bar iron association has reduced its price, but not yet to the rate at which steel as well as iron bars are actually sold, and in most departments this industry suffers from the speculative advance in prices and production last summer. Minor metals are a shade lower.

Anthracite coal is selling at \$3.40 in New York harbor.

In the great textile manufactures the usual holiday dullness is increased by delay of orders, though there is some accumulation of goods for the demand expected soon. Standard brown sheetings and drills are an eighth lower and cotton goods average a third of one percent lower. For woolen goods the market is extremely dull, soft wool dress goods, and ladies' cloths are a shade lower, and the average of quotations is about 1 1/2 per cent. lower for the week.

The shoe and leather business does not improve, and both leather and manufactured goods decline slightly. Wheat and cotton were depressed by last week's panic, and have had little time to recover. Wheat receipts continue enormous; for the week 3,794,723 bushels, against 1,712,908 last year; and Atlantic exports, flour included, have been 7,236,969 bushels in four weeks of December, against 7,763,689 last year. Russian and other supplies are moving freely, official estimates are wholly forgotten, and the men who predicted one dollar wheat have disappeared.

Cotton has remained at 8 1/2 cents since last Saturday, and enormous commercial and mill stocks here and abroad, with a demand for goods much smaller than in September, hinder an advance. The quantity was at all points is 18.9 per cent. less than last year to date, but slightly larger than in 1892, when the crop was 6,700,000 bales.

Railroad earnings in December thus far are 6.4 per cent. larger than last year, but 5.8 per cent. less than in 1892. Payments through clearinghouses were abnormally swelled by last week's panic, so that the average daily for December at all points is 18.9 per cent. more than in 1891 and 12.2 per cent. less than in 1892. Foreign trade shows a gain of 19 1/2 per cent. in exports from New York for three weeks of December, which is decidedly encouraging, and a decrease of 18 1/2 per cent. in imports here.

More Idle Men Miners to be Put in Operation.

NEGAMINE, Mich., Dec. 28.—Three more iron mines will soon be put in operation again. The Davis mine has recently changed hands, and 75 men will be placed at work. The mine has been idle since July 15 last, when the miners went on strike. The old Milwaukee mine, adjoining the Davis, and the Barona mine, which has been idle three years, will also be operated.

A Bill to Indemnify the Heirs of John Booth.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Mr. Quay yesterday introduced in the senate a bill to pay the heirs of the late John Booth \$48,838 for labor and material furnished for the gunboats Chicago, Boston and Atlanta.

Three Men Killed by an Explosion of Dynamite.

HAILETOWN, Pa., Dec. 28.—Bert Torrey, a miner, Andrew Lawrence, a laborer, and Willie Smith, a boy, were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite at Millville colliery yesterday afternoon. There was no person in the vicinity at the time, and the cause of the explosion will never be known.

A Too-Willing Friend.

VIENNA, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Tagblatt from St. Petersburg says that Russia will support President Cleveland in the difficulty between America and Great Britain diplomatically and is also ready to afford financial assistance to the United States, if necessary.

The American Colony in London Have Hope.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The American society in London will hold a meeting Monday next to consider resolutions expressing hope and confidence that the differences between the United States and England will be amicably settled.

Death of a Lawyer and Writer.

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 28.—James L. T. Fox, the oldest member of the Saginaw County Bar association, a resident of this city since 1850, died Thursday night of a complication of diseases, aged 86. He was a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines.

The Grasshopper, a small cabin boat belonging to John Kragger, has sunk between the two bridges at Pekin. Also an old bathhouse belonging to Frank Miller located below the wagon bridge.

At the Hotel Randolph in Peoria Henry Potts, of Elmwood, was choked to death by a piece of beef. He was aged 89 and was a prominent and wealthy man.

F. A. Gordon, a well known clerk in Fairbury, will next year travel for a Peoria hardware firm.

The Champaign Times was 20 years old last Saturday.

## LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Benefits Three Generations.

(Special to Our Readers.)

"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in my family ten years with the best of results."



"Before taking it I had falling of the womb; such bearing-down pains, backache, and kidney trouble. I had had eight children, and was approaching the change of life. I took the Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills; was cured of all my troubles, and passed through the change all right, and now am fifty-four years old and well. My daughter had catarrh of the bladder, and it cured her. I send you my picture with my grandson, whose mother was cured by my remedies. I will recommend your Compound to every body."—MRS. L. KELLY, Patchogue, L.I.

### Special Tax Notice.

Public notice is hereby given that the county court of Macon county, Illinois, has rendered judgment for special tax upon property situate upon the following improvement, to wit: The construction of a certain sewer connecting at and connecting with the present sewer on each street at a point 100 feet east of the intersection of the alley running north and south between North Water and North Main street, and said present sewer, thence southerly by a gradual curve to the center line of said alley, thence south on the center line of said alley to the north line of Richard street, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in the office of the clerk of said court.

That a warrant for the collection of such special taxes is in the hands of the undersigned. All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the same at the office of the clerk of said court, within thirty days from the date hereof.

Dated, this 10th day of December, A. D. 1895.  
P. L. HAYS, City Clerk.

### Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Hugh Mitchell, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Hugh Mitchell, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to settle and adjust said estate, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1895.  
WILLIAM MITCHELL, Administrator.

### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, of John Schuler, against James Phillips, I have levied on and sold at public sale, at the city of Macon, Macon county, Illinois, taken as property of the said James Phillips, all the right and title of said James Phillips, in and to a certain lot of land, situate at the north door of the court house, in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 9th day of January, A. D. 1895, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 17th day of Dec., A. D. 1895.  
J. P. NICHOLSON,  
Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

### Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Jacob K. Barry, Deceased.  
The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Jacob K. Barry, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to settle and adjust said estate, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of December, 1895.  
ANDREW H. MILLS,  
Administrator.

### Assignee's Notice.

In the matter of the assignment of Nathaniel T. Watson: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed assignee of the estate of Nathaniel T. Watson, deceased, and that he will appear before the county court of Macon county at the court house in Decatur, at the February term, on the first Monday in February next, at 10 o'clock a.m., to settle and adjust said estate, and all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 10th day of November, 1895.  
CHARLES S. HARRIS, Assignee.

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## CHANCERY NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.  
Macon County.

In the Circuit Court, January Term, A. D. 1896  
Amanda Wilson et al. vs. Rebecca Belle Barnett et al.

To Rebecca Belle Barnett, Malinda F. Alexander, William F. Alexander, Lucy A. Francis, Minerva C. Alexander, Bertha Alexander, William A. Adkins, Mary J. Adkins, George M. Adkins, David Farney, James Farney, Anna Farney, John Thomas Farney, Howard Farney, Myrtle Hammond, Maude Hammond, John H. Alexander, Alexander and Henry Alexander, You and each of you are hereby notified that there is a certain suit now pending and undetermined in the circuit court of Macon county, state of Illinois, wherein Amanda Wilson, Mary E. Jones, Charles Jones, John D. Farney, Mary J. Farney, George W. Farney, Nancy Farney, Ruth A. Harton, Josiah Harton, William Farney and Alexander are complainants, and Rebecca Belle Barnett, Malinda F. Alexander, William F. Alexander, Lucy A. Francis, Minerva C. Alexander, Bertha Alexander, William A. Adkins, George M. Adkins, David Farney, James Farney, Anna Farney, John Thomas Farney, Howard Farney, Myrtle Hammond, Maude Hammond, John H. Alexander, Alexander and Henry Alexander, are defendants, and that summons in said cause is issued, returnable on said court to be held at the court house in Decatur, in the county of Macon, in the state of Illinois, on the second month of January, A. D. 1896. Now, unless you appear and plead, answer or demur to said bill, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said bill.

Dated this 30th day of December, D. 1895.  
E. MCQUELLEN, Clerk.  
BUNN & PARK, Complainants' Solicitors.

## CHANCERY NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.  
Macon County.

In the Circuit Court, January Term, 1896.  
Charles Welner vs. Keziah Welner—Chancery.

Affidavit of the nonresidence of Keziah Welner, defendant named, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the said circuit court of Macon county, notice is hereby given to the said Keziah Welner that the complainant filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the 12th day of December, 1895, and that thereupon a summons issued out of said court against said defendant, Keziah Welner, returnable on the 12th day of January, 1896, as is by law required.

Now unless you, the said Keziah Welner, shall personally be and appear before the said circuit court of Macon county, on the first day of the said month of January, 1896, and answer or demur to the said complaint, and things therein charged and stated will be taken and confessed, and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

W. E. IRIDMAN, Sol.  
E. MCQUELLEN, Clerk.

## Special Assessment Notice

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the city council of the City of Decatur, Illinois, ordered that a sewer be constructed in the alley between North Main and North Water streets, in the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk of said city, and having been applied to the county court of Macon county, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvements, according to assessed, and an assessment or special assessment, toll thereof, having been filed in the office of the clerk of said court, and being thereon filed, thereon will be made at the January term of said court, commencing on the 7th day of said month of January, 1896. All persons desiring may then and thereupon appear and make their defense.

Decatur, Illinois, December 30, 1895.  
W. VOORHIES,  
SAMUEL MOHAN,  
Commissioners.

## Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss.  
Macon County.

In the matter of the estate of John R. Womack, deceased.  
To all whom it may concern: You are hereby notified that I, as the administrator of John R. Womack, deceased, have this day filed in the county court of said county a final report of my acts and duties as such administrator of said estate, and that I will on the 10th day of January, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard by the court, ask said court to approve said report and to release me from further liability in said matter and ask for a final discharge as such administrator, at which time and place you may then and thereupon appear and make your defense.

Decatur, Ill., December 27, 1895.  
ANDREW H. MILLS,  
Administrator of John R. Womack, deceased.

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The materials most sought after at  
the present moment are fine face cloths  
and velvets that call for fur and jet as  
their trimmings—royal stuffs demand-  
ing plethoric purses.

The face cloths of to-day are in elee-  
gance and finish like unto those of yester-  
day, but yesterday's velvet gave forth



TRIMMED IN THE LATEST STYLE.

no hint of the gorgeous splendor of  
those now in vogue. Some are printed on  
white grounds in such gay, not to  
say striking, colors as to be only fit for  
opera wear and the most elegant oc-  
casions. In sharp contrast to these  
gaily-colored ones is a pretty leaf  
pattern in subdued green on  
grounds of dull red, old blue and  
silver grey. These latter will be  
mostly used for waists and the new  
Louis XV. coat which will be much  
worn as the season advances. The love-  
ly flower designs on colored and black  
grounds are intended for sleeves and  
bodice trimmings, and will also be used  
for the new panel trimming outlined  
with jet. Happily these printed vel-  
vets are held at such a figure that they  
can never become common, and the  
same may be written of the dainty  
chintz-flowered silks which are their  
companions in beauty and price.

Many of the handsomest reception  
and evening gowns are made of plain  
colored or black velvet; and when one  
leaves out "a la princess" by a master hand,  
and given luxurious trimmings of sable,  
it makes a regal garment and one any  
woman would be happy to count among  
her most cherished possessions.

A gown fashioned in this way was in  
a lovely shade of green, trimmed  
with narrow bands of sable round the  
hem and square-out neck, while the  
short puffed sleeves were of transpa-  
rent jeweled muslin finished by a band  
of the fur fastened by small emerald  
claspers. I might remark in passing  
that the princess dress has been re-  
stored to its old-time popularity, which  
will be pleasing news to many women.  
It is a gown easy to get into and is gen-  
erally becoming, provided one is not too  
scrappy nor on the other hand too  
plump.

Chinchilla fur is the idol of the hour  
and promises to become almost price-  
less, should the furor for using it con-



LOUIS XV. COAT.

tinue any length of time. It trims  
many of the most stylish gowns and  
outer garments imported for midwin-  
ter wear and has even invaded the do-  
main of military—velvet, topped  
trimmings on the left side with three stiff  
chinchilla tails being quite the proper  
cap. It really makes an ideal trim-  
ming on dark cloth or velvet, and de-  
spite its delicate color does not read-  
ily show soil, and is also easily clean-  
ed.

Next in popular favor is the soft, hand  
carpet which is much used for hand  
trimming and can be bought in any of  
the fashionable widths. In the more  
expensive brands the edges are cov-  
ered with white satin upon which are  
stitched rows and rows of the narrow-  
est black silk braid, giving a lovely sil-  
ver-like effect, as pleasing as it is un-  
common.

A chic, up-to-date fancy is, when the  
skirt is given a trimming of caracule,  
to have the dress the same, with a jew-  
eled belt exceedingly swell costume,  
but can only be successfully worn by  
the tall, slender woman. A gown I saw  
in State street yesterday had this idea  
very prettily carried out. The bodice  
and hem of the skirt were of caracule,  
the former boasting the long shoulder  
seam outlined with jet, while the skirt  
and sleeves were of tan-colored face  
cloth. At the neck was a high choker  
collar with six turned-over tabs—just  
what all well-regulated collars should  
have, the simple, undraped ones of last  
season being absolutely unknown to  
the fashions of the moment.

There is so much liberty allowed in

both gowns and hats this season that a  
woman can dress herself according to  
her own sweet will, can wear what is  
becoming and still be in the fashion.  
The only thing she must have is a very  
full skirt. The bodice can take care of  
itself.

The latest skirts are made enormous-  
ly full without godets, and absolutely  
without stiffening. They are much  
plaited in the back, have three small  
plaits on each hip and fall in long,  
graceful folds all around. I should like  
to emphasize what I said before, that  
there are no godets and no stiffening.  
For street and daytime wear skirts re-  
main severely plain, excepting when  
fur bands are used; but for evening  
dresses the best modistes use a gar-  
ture of ribbon and lace or bands of dark  
fur, and sometimes all three in combi-  
nation. The skirt garniture in the pic-  
ture is one much used on gowns intend-  
ed for small evening affairs.

Among recent importations one sees  
very few separate blouses to be worn  
with any skirt. The little Louis XV.  
coats have replaced them, except for  
evening wear. These coats, while ex-  
ceedingly pretty in themselves, have the  
charm of novelty and are bound to  
take immensely. They can be made  
as elaborate as one's fancy and purse  
will permit, or, on the other hand, in  
severe simplicity. In the latter case  
their only ornamentation are hand-  
some buttons in some unique de-  
sign. The prettiest ones, however, are  
made to open over a vest of either jew-  
eled muslin, lace or dark fur with  
broad, sharply-pointed revers which  
can be tucked under two large painted  
porcelain buttons. An exceedingly  
picturesque model in dark green bro-  
cade satin had a wide collar of white  
cloth embroidered in shaded green



AN UP-TO-DATE CAPE.

silk and edged with silver fox, while the  
vest, also of silver-fox, opened over an  
inner one of the white embroidered  
cloth. Another extremely stylish de-  
sign is the one shown in the picture  
made of black velvet and worn with a  
skirt of dark blue chintz flowered silk.  
The pointed opening over the checked  
plaid from the usual mode and allows  
some latitude in the matter of gar-  
niture. In this instance the trimming  
consists of square tabs made of canary  
colored, striped ribbon with dainty jew-  
eled buttons placed near the shoulders  
and at the waist.

I have seen some lovely things in the  
way of theater dresses made of white  
chiffon with an applique of fine black  
lace. Sometimes by way of variety the  
lace is traced with silver sequins and  
the bodice finished with a narrow belt  
of jewels on gold galloon.

Others I saw were of printed velvet,  
very elegant and rich-looking, but I  
cannot recommend this material unless  
one can afford a good dressmaker. No  
ill-made bodice over looks in the least  
degree like a well-made one, and it re-  
quires the hand of an expert to con-  
struct a collar band and properly put it  
in sleeve, when made of heavy velvet.

Capes will be the wrap most worn  
this season, as they are best adapted to  
the toilettes now in vogue. The new  
shapes are not long enough to conceal  
the figure, and yet of sufficient length  
to cover the arm and afford some  
warmth. Of course, a cape of fine fur  
is the most desirable of all possessions  
just now, but it is quite beyond the  
reach of many, so an excellent substi-  
tute has been provided in the shape of  
handsome capes of velours du nord.  
The one in the illustration is made of  
this ideal material, and one cannot  
make a mistake in copying it. The  
epaulettes are of jet fixed into rosettes  
on the shoulder and the white collar is  
"fix." The back cut is so as to fall in two  
loose folds, which add much to the  
charm and elegance of the garment.

A very Frenchified and chic cape is  
made of blue and black plaid velvet  
with trimmings of white cloth and an  
infinitesimal edging of gold braid. A  
cloth cape not the least bit "dowdy" it  
had cloth applique work, elaborately  
jetted, placed round the edge and cov-  
ered with a broad, comfortable-looking col-  
lar of Astrakhan, which was fastened  
with a row of large, ornate buttons.  
This garment should recom-  
mend itself to the elderly matron who  
is ever deploring fashion's inattentions  
to her needs.

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of any service, the effects of which are  
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which Comrade Rolph complained. He  
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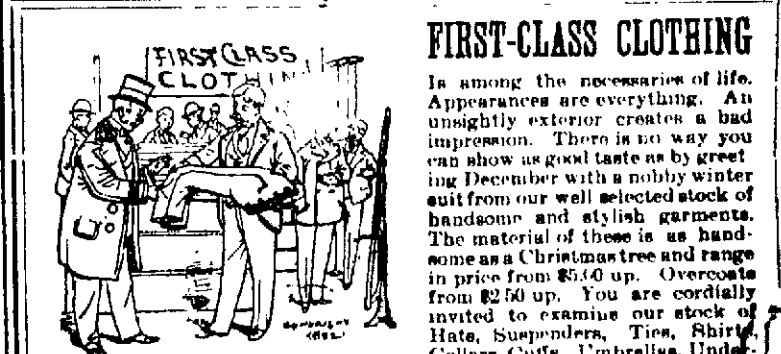
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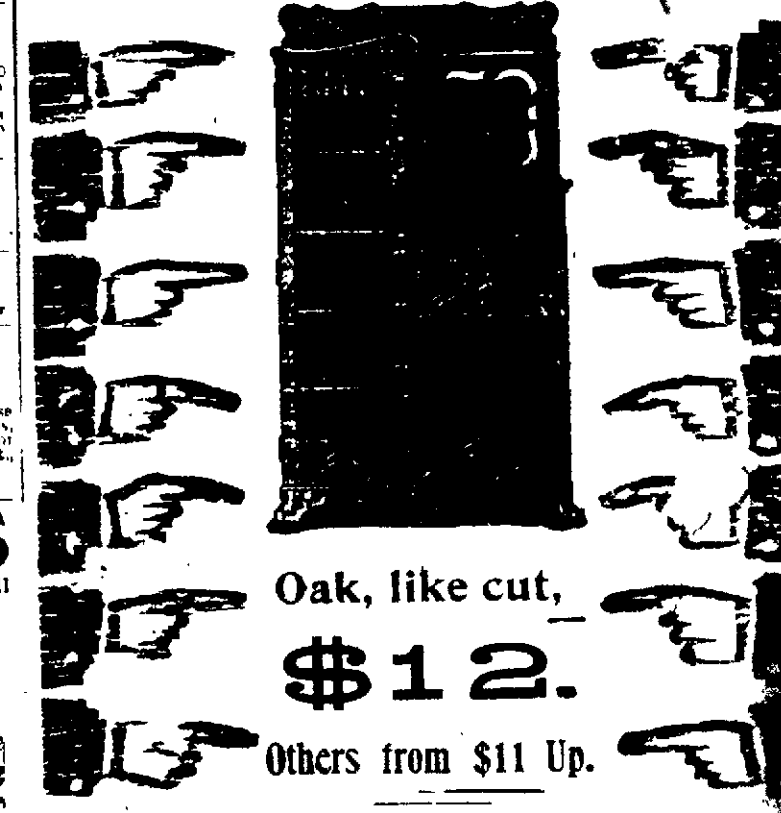
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### LOCAL NEWS.

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The floor of the new transfer station will be made of tile.

Irwin's Iron Tonic Bitters cures indigestion and nervous exhaustion.

**USE HINKLE'S BEST FLOUR.**  
Irwin's Toilet Cream is an excellent preparation for chapped hands.

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If you have a cough use Irwin's Rock Balm.

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MAMA eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

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The body of J. B. Noe, found in the Ohio river, was placed in the grave at Louisville, Ky. Miss Noe identified the body as that of her brother.

In the county court S. A. Friedman was appointed administrator of the estate of J. G. Cooper, late of Maroa. The estate is valued at \$30,000.

After January 1, 1896, we close at 6:30 p. m., except Saturday. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

If you want to keep warm this winter have Leon & Morris put in one of their celebrated Akron Air Blast Furnaces. They can do you a good job.

On Friday evening Mrs. Seigler entertained a few friends at her home, 1168 North Church street, in honor of her friend, Miss Mayme O'Brien, of Denver, Colo. The evening was spent very pleasantly in games, followed by a reception from Miss O'Brien, after which a delicious luncheon was served.

Last night the Broadway Baptist church served a supper in the old Guard Armory. A chair was also voted to the most popular girl, Susie Winchester and Mary Simpson being the contestants. It was a spirited contest and the young women ran very close, there being a difference of less than a dozen votes. Miss Winchester was the winner. About \$20 was realized by the church. During the evening the famous "Little Link" quartet sang several songs.

Closed All Day.

Cloyd, the people's grocer, gives this early notice that his store will not be open on New Year's day—will be glad to see all his customers before or after Jan. 1st, 1896.

**MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.**  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28, 1896.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to E. Z. Taylor for grain, provisions and stocks, with quotations in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis, for the following market quotations:

Wheat—

December.....54 1/2

May.....57 1/2

June.....58 1/2

July.....59 1/2

August.....60 1/2

September.....61 1/2

October.....62 1/2

November.....63 1/2

December.....64 1/2

January.....65 1/2

February.....66 1/2

March.....67 1/2

April.....68 1/2

May.....69 1/2

June.....70 1/2

July.....71 1/2

August.....72 1/2

September.....73 1/2

October.....74 1/2

November.....75 1/2

December.....76 1/2

January.....77 1/2

February.....78 1/2

March.....79 1/2

April.....80 1/2

May.....81 1/2

June.....82 1/2

July.....83 1/2

August.....84 1/2

September.....85 1/2

October.....86 1/2

November.....87 1/2

December.....88 1/2

January.....89 1/2

February.....90 1/2

March.....91 1/2

April.....92 1/2

## PARLOR MUSICAL.

Charming Entertainment at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Packard.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Packard on College Hill was comfortably filled last evening on the occasion of the reception and musicale, given in honor of Miss Nellie Moore, the accomplished pianist who has been a pupil of Prof. C. A. Foster for several years. This was the program of the evening which was splendidly rendered and enthusiastically received:

Instrumental—Pavane.....Gottschalk  
Vocal—Lullaby and Lullaby, Jocelyn, by Gohard  
Vocal—Song of the Sea.....Swain  
Instrumental—Valse Op. 3.....Mozzkowski  
Vocal—Skylark.....Schuecker  
Instrumental—Juguettes.....Liszt  
Miss Moore.

Two encore numbers were given, Nevin's "Water Nymph" by Miss Moore, and "Past and Future" by Miss Packard.

All of the participants acquitted themselves superbly, but the chief feature of the feast of music was the performance of Miss Moore, whose marvelous execution was a revelation to those who had not previously been privileged to hear her.

It was Miss Moore's first appearance before a critical audience, and it was an occasion of special interest not only to the gifted young pianist, but also to her many friends. In the rendition of the second selection, which called for most difficult work, Miss Moore demonstrated her complete mastery of the piano. The composition by the splendid work of the young lady seemed pictured on a canvas so perfect was the phrasing and shading throughout—rippling water, pattering rain drops, reverberating thunder, ruse and trills of repeated, forming a harmonious whole, which at the conclusion brought forth spontaneous applause from the delighted auditors. It was a great triumph for Miss Moore. It was very gratifying to observe how perfectly her talents have been developed. All hope to hear her more frequently in public. Few professionals can equal her perfection of technique and in range of pleasing execution even of the most difficult compositions.

The entertainment was followed by an informal social and the service of delicious refreshments.

## SOLD FOR \$11,000.

Orlando Powers Becomes the Owner of the Meyer Corner.

During the past few weeks negotiations for the purchase of the Meyer corner property at the corner of State and East Main streets, a two-story brick on a lot 23x80 feet, have been in progress, it being the desire of Orlando Powers to become the owner of that corner lot, so that he could occupy the entire north half of the block with his new six-story modern building soon to be erected. Until yesterday the parties interested could not agree upon the consideration. Finally the price was fixed at \$11,000, and that sum Mr. Powers will pay when the abstract is made out, and it proves satisfactory. Possession will be given Mr. Powers on January 12th, when the building will be torn down or moved to a vacant business lot. The purchaser had at first offered Mrs. Meyer \$10,000 for the building. She wanted \$10,000. Yesterday Mrs. Meyer and the heirs agreed to take \$11,000. This acquisition gives Mr. Powers a space of 130x152 feet on which to erect the new block. The Boyington plans for the new structure will probably arrive from Chicago on Tuesday.

## TEACHERS' MEETING.

The State Association at Springfield Select Their Leaders.

At Friday's session of the Illinois State Teachers' association at Springfield the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Homer B. Evans, Chicago; first vice-president, J. H. Collins, Springfield; second vice-president, Miss Martha Buck, Carbondale; third vice-president, S. B. Hood, Sparta; secretary, Joel M. Dowdy, Metropolis; treasurer, Clarence O. Scudder, Evanston. Executive committee—Wm. L. Steele, Carbondale; A. V. Greenman, Aurora; Mrs. Lida McMurray, Normal. Board of directors—P. K. Walker, Rockford; E. A. Gastman, Decatur; William J. Jenkins, Dixon; Joseph Carter, Danville; James C. Burns, Monmouth.

## Arrested.

William Harmon, a young man 18 years of age, claiming to have resided recently at Moweaqua or Assumption, was arrested to-day by Constable Miller, while he was trying to sell a bride and lines to Chance, the second hand dealer. The article is supposed to have been stolen from some barn by Harmon. He is in jail, and anybody who has lost bride and lines will do well to call at police headquarters and identify the property.

## Speech by Phonograph.

Congressman Smith, of Michigan, whose duties require his presence at Washington but who had agreed to address a young men's Republican club at Grand Rapids last night, sent his speech by phonograph and the instrument delivered the address so that all present heard it.

## Sales of Real Estate.

Edwin A. Ewing to Hugh Cree and Charles A. Ewing, lot 4, block 6, Plant & Tuttle's addition—\$200.

Anna Hamsher to Louis A. Mills and Thomas A. Bone, lot 27, block K, H. A. W. West Park addition—\$100.

Joseph Leforge to Arthur P. Evans, undivided half interest in lot 12, block 2, Carver's addition—\$1.00.

Tax Champaign Times was 20 years old last Saturday.

## WABASH CHANGES.

Some of the Strokes of Ramsey's Ax.

Helm, Whitehurst, who has been clerk in Roadmaster Dimmick's office, will go on duty to-night as assistant night yardmaster. W. E. Baker, formerly of the superintendent's office of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, is here to accept the position made vacant by Mr. Whitehurst's promotion.

There is no little amount of speculation in Wabash officials who are heads of departments. The report of a number of changes was current around the depot to-day, but investigation found them to be idle tales.

W. A. Garrett, superintendent of the St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association, and likewise superintendent of Wabash terminals, has been appointed superintendent of the western division of the Wabash system, with headquarters at Moberly, effective January 1. A circular to that effect, signed by General Superintendent Magee, and approved by General Manager Ramsey, was issued yesterday from St. Louis headquarters.

F. H. McGuigan, for the past six and a half years superintendent of the Wabash western lines and formerly general roadmaster, has resigned, and it is understood that he has accepted a position on the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, under the new general manager, Charles M. Hays.

Another circular was issued yesterday from Wabash headquarters, will announce that E. H. Fitzhugh, master of transportation of the western division of the Wabash, has resigned in order to accept a position with another company, like Mr. McGuigan. The office of master of transportation for the western division will be abolished, and all communications and reports heretofore addressed to that office will in future be directed to Supt. Garrett. Although not officially announced, it is understood that Mr. Fitzhugh likewise goes to Canada to accept a position under General Manager Hays.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

E. S. McClellan is in Chicago on business.

Mrs. Anna Hamsher is confined to her home by sickness.

Allerton Buck Irwin has been in Chicago on business.

Dr. Geo. W. Weyl, of Maroa, visited Decatur last evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Gerald of Chicago are in the city visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Goodson have returned from Taylorville.

Harry Macmasters, of Norwalk, O., is in the city visiting friends.

Hon. D. P. Keller, of Shelby county, was in the city to-day on business.

Mrs. Harry C. Stanley arrived in the city last evening from New York City.

Mrs. George Page and children, of Peoria, are in the city visiting relatives.

Mrs. L. R. Turner and son, of Peoria, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Douglas.

Miss Mattie Gardiner, of Farmer City, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Hinkle this week.

Mrs. William Anderson and son, Herbert, of Slater, Mo., are visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Bert Edwards of Vandalia is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. H. Day on Jefferson street.

Mrs. C. C. Camp of Lafayette, Ind., spent Thursday with W. D. Chamberlain and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walmesley have returned home after a six months' trip in New England.

Miss May Woodbury of Danville is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Bicknell on West Decatur street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Towl left to-day for their home in St. Louis, after a visit with Decatur relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Flood of Chicago, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hines on West Main street.

Dr. Morrison, formerly of this city, now of the Standard Oil company at Cleveland, is here on a visit.

Harry Ford of Chicago, and Miss Emma Ford of Belmont are in the city, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hill.

Joseph Walmsley and his sister, Madge, of Terre Haute are visiting their aunt, Mrs. J. Edward Saxton.

Col. and Fred Mathias were at Taylorville to-day, witnesses in a case in the Christian county circuit court.

Mrs. James Bennett and children of Kansas City, are in the city visiting Mrs. Weinert of West King street.

John Whitsett, who is now a senior at Ann Arbor university, has been made an assistant in the physical laboratory.

Miss Fannie Edmondston who has been visiting Mrs. Edward Adams, returned yesterday to her home in Chicago.

Dr. F. P. Martin of Asheville has gone home after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, on West Corro Street.

Mrs. S. F. Williams, who has been in the city visiting her father, W. H. Lake, and family, returned yesterday to her home in Casey, Ill.

Alexander, who have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Everett J. Brown, returned home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Conkey of Belmont came to-day to the home of the family of the deceased, also printed in the daily papers.

Miss Kate A. Blackburn, the deaconess, who is connected with the Cunningham home at Urbana, left to-day for Lincoln. While in Decatur she was a guest of Mrs. A. W. Conklin.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Johnson and daughter, Misses Mary and Leonette Johnson, have returned home after a visit in Springfield with George H. Souther and family.

W. H. Cave and family, who have been living in Sedalia, Mo. for a year or more, have returned to the city and will make their home here. Mr. Cave will probably go into the real estate business with his sister, Mrs. Russell.

The rector of a rural parish in Kent, while examining a class of boys in history, asked them who was the patron saint of England. With one voice the class responded, "Mr. Gladstone."

## REPUBLICAN LOVE FEAST.

To Be Held in Springfield January 28—Candidates Will Speak.

The executive committee of the Republican state central committee met in Chicago yesterday to fix the time and place for holding the usual Republican love feast.

A good deal has been published in the Chicago papers of a scheme on the part of Chairman Jamieson to shut off the candidates for governor from speaking at that gathering, thus changing the universal custom. The Times-Herald and the Journal and News have repeatedly charged that Mr. Jamieson's object was to accommodate Mr. Tanner who is a candidate for governor and who is not a public speaker. However this may be failed to carry out his plans and the rule will remain as it always has been that each member of the committee may call upon any one in the district to speak and represent it at the lovefeast. In this way the candidates will be called, as they always have been. The committee decided upon Springfield as the place for holding the lovefeast, and Tuesday, January 28th as the day. The committee also decided to ask Ex-Gov. Pifer, Ex-Gov. Oglesby and Senator Culom to make short addresses.

The state central committee will at that time agree upon the date and issue the call for the state convention.

## REASONS FOR HIS VOTE.

Major Connolly Fears the Passage of the Tariff Measure will Give Trouble.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Representative Connolly, of Illinois, was one of the three Republicans who voted against the rule limiting debate and preventing consideration of amendments to the tariff bill. On being asked after the house adjourned yesterday why he had taken this step, Mr. Connolly said:

"I voted against the rule and I was seriously tempted to vote against the bill itself, because I thought it embodied a great mistake. It says in the caption that it is purely a temporary measure, and it is limited in its duration to the first day of August, 1898.

"If I understand what we especially want now, it is that there shall be no more uncertainty on the subject of the tariff. I had prepared an amendment which I hoped to be able to introduce, cutting out this temporary provision entirely. As it is now it would be unable to frame another tariff bill before Aug. 1, 1898, this measure we have passed to-day would practically reenact the Wilson-Gorman bill. We should therefore have in the course of a few years first McKinley law, then the Wilson-Gorman bill, then this temporary tariff measure, then the Wilson bill again, and then a comprehensive tariff law, such as the Republicans would pass.

"I voted for the bill to-day much against my judgment, and I still think this temporary feature is a mistake which should have been avoided. We might just as well enact a permanent law and then if at any other time it becomes absolutely necessary to repeal it the party in power could take the responsibility for that act. This limitation of the revenue act is liable to get us into trouble hereafter."

## TEACHERS' MEETING.

Gathering Held at the Office on Sup't. J. G. Keller.

There was a large gathering of Macon county teachers this afternoon at the office of Superintendent Keller at the court house, when this program was observed:

Reading—R. F. Davidson.

Practical Arithmetic for January 6th Grade—J. D. Logan.

Psychology—Association as Applied to Teaching—W. E. Hodges.

Objects of Recitation—G. S. Morris.

Then followed a general discussion of questions relating to the best methods of teaching, and points bearing on the school law.

## Myrtle Temple No. 4.

The following resolutions were adopted at the meeting of Myrtle Temple No. 2, Rathbone Sisters, held Friday afternoon:

WHEREAS, It becomes our painful duty as Rathbone Sisters and members of Myrtle Temple No. 2 to record the death of Brother C. C. Stoddard, who on December 14, 1896, was summoned before the Allwise Being from whose presence he will never return; and

WHEREAS, By his death the family was left a kind and loving husband and father and the temple a respected and worthy member, be it

Resolved, That in this bereavement we recognize the hand that smites to heal, and bow in humble submission to the One who overrules all things for our best good; and

Resolved further, That the heartfelt sympathy of this temple be tendered to the widow and orphan left to mourn the irreparable loss.

Resolved, That these resolutions be engrossed in the minutes of this temple, and a copy be placed in the hands of the family of the deceased, also printed in the daily papers.

JENNIE HAYS,  
LOC. WISEMAN,  
A. J. KREMLING,  
Committee.

## Goods at Auction.

Constable Conard this afternoon sold at auction to satisfy attachments in favor of A. J. Dunston and E. J. Ross goods belonging to G. A. Burch and P. H. Coe, who have gone to Texas.

## HISTORICAL DATES.

Facts About Important Events in American Struggles.

From the New York Sun.

On January 14, 1812, an act of Congress authorized the president was authorized by Congress to call for 100,000 American volunteers. On June 1, 1812, the president James Madison, sent to the Congress a war message, and on June 10, 1812, was declared by the United States against Great Britain.

On July 12, 1812, Canada was taken by an American army, and on August 13 the United States frigate Essex, captured the Alert near New York.

Six days later the American frigate, the Constitution captured the British frigate Guerrier, and on October 4, 1812, there was a land battle at Ogdensburg where the Americans, under Gen. Pike, repulsed the British.

On June 13, 1813, the British invasion of American territory was repulsed at Hampton, Va., and on July 11 of the north border, the British were repulsed in the battle of Black Rock, N. Y.

On September 30, 1813, the notable battle of Lake Erie between the naval forces of Great Britain and the United States took place, the American squadron consisting of nine vessels with fifty-four guns and the British squadron of six vessels with sixty-three guns. Commodore Perry commanded the American naval forces and they won a substantial victory, the entire British fleet being captured.

On September 11, 1811, there was another important and decisive battle on Lake Champlain. Capt. M. Donough, with fourteen American vessels, having eighty-six guns, engaged the British fleet of seventeen vessels, with ninety-five guns, in a battle of nearly three hours' duration, in which all the British ships were either sunk or captured, and 900 English prisoners were taken by the Americans.

On the 8th of January, 1815, the bloody fighting which had been going on in the southwest between the American and the British forces culminated in the memorable battle of New Orleans, a triumph so decisive for American arms that the anniversary, January 8, has been perpetuated by patriotic Americans in celebration ever since.

The English army, commanded by General Packenham, consisted of 12,000 soldiers, and the American army, under command of Gen. Andrew Jackson, amounted to 6,000. In the month of November preceding the British force had landed in New Orleans for the purpose of attacking that city, and a battle on New Year's Day, 1815, having been indecisive, one week later Gen. Packenham's army renewed the attack and the British were routed, losing 2,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners taken. On January 8 the defeated British troops reembarked for home at the mouth of the Mississippi, and on the same day the treaty of Ghent between the United States and Great Britain was ratified.

By the official census of 1811, taken in the year preceding the beginning of hostilities with the United States, the population of England was 10,200,000, Scotland 1,800,000 and Ireland 6,000,000, a total of 18,000,000. The census of the United States taken in 1810 showed the total population of this country to be 6,262,000.

The last official census of Great Britain, taken in 1891, showed the population to have been 37,888,000, and the census of the United States, taken the year previous, showed the population of this country to be 62,622,000, and as of the Americans weren't counted either.

O. E. S. Installation.

At the regular meeting of Decatur Chapter No. 111, O. E. S., held at Masonic Temple last night the following officers for the ensuing year were installed: C. L. Hovey, W. G. P. acting as installing officer, and Mrs. Kate Wilkin acting as Grand Marshal.